implementation of inter basin water transfer proposals depends upon the consensus and cooperation of the concerned States and agreements with neighbouring countries.

(c) and (d) Most of the States are supportive of the concept of the interlinking of rivers project; provided the projet can some how ensure a "win - win" situation for all States. However, the State of Kerala, has passed a resolution in the Kerala Assembly to drop the proposal of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link. The Central Government has taken note of it and has decided not to treat it as a priority link for consensus building purpose at present.

Conservation of ground water

f2006. SHR1PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

whether Government has formulated any scheme for participation of farmers in conservation of ground water;

if so, the details thereof;

the number of States in which this scheme has been implemented alongwith the results achieved; and

by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented in the whole country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI **JAI** PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) With a view to create awareness in respect of conservation and efficient use of water, Ministry of Water Resources has sanctioned Farmers' Participatory Action Research Programme (FPARPs) aimed at dissemination of technologies to increase yield and income per drop of water at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.4685 crores through 5000 demonstrations across 26 States/UTs.

In addition to this, the scheme of artificial recharge to ground water through dugwells has been approved for implementation in the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Declaration of rivers as national property

12007. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Government is considering upon to declare rivers as national property;

whether Government is approving the proposal of privatization of rivers;

if so, the objective thereof; and

the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Water Resources to "declare rivers as national property".

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